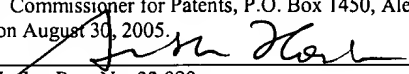


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Applicant : Celso S.J. Bagaoisan, et al.

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action of April 15, 2005, the response for which is due September 15, 2005 with a two month extension of time.

Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application. A two-month request for extension of time to file is being filed concurrently herewith.